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U.S. Food and Drug Administration
Dockets Management Branch
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1

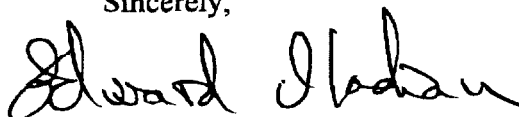
Dear Sirs:

I am writing this letter in support of petition 98P-0151/CP1, prohibiting the slaughter of downed animals for the following reasons:

- Some of the downed animals may be afflicted with the "Mad Cow Disease", a disease linked to a fatal human illness, Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease. Use of downed animals may increase the number of people affected by this fatal illness.
- Downed animals create a higher risk of bacterial contamination for humans.
- Moving of downed animals requires use of inhumane means; pushing with tractors and dragging with chains will cause injuries, including broken bones and torn ligaments.
- Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of the animals slaughtered and prohibition of their marketing will not cause an undue economic hardship

In view of the above, I urge you to grant this petition Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,



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